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The Voice of Arkansas Baptists

A Program of Sacred Music and Gospel Message

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The people of Arkansas are radio-conscious. There is a radio in practically every home. These radio receiving sets in the homes, also in places of business and in automobiles, are in use perhaps many hours during the day.

The ether is charged with a multitude of messages, of every type and description, sent out from the broadcasting stations. Practically every broadcasting station has more calls for time than can be provided within the limits of a day.

These two facts, the number of radio receiving sets in the hands of our people and the crowded schedule of the broadcasting stations, prove that we are a radio listening people.

Other Interests Use Radio

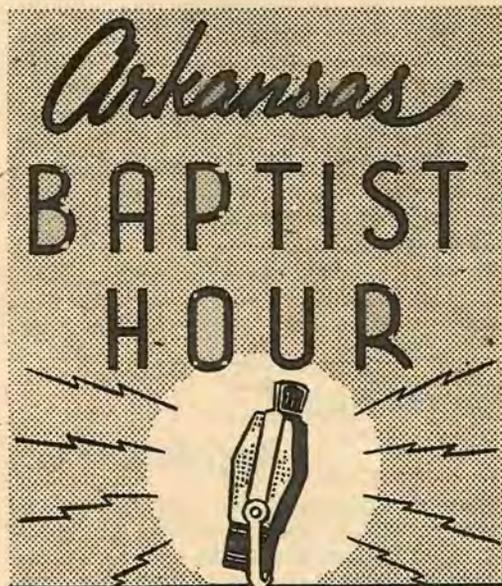
Commercial, business, and political interests realize the worth of radio in persuasive power and publicity value. These interests spend vast sums to carry their message to the American people by way of radio.

It is with these facts in mind that the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention is producing the Arkansas Baptist Hour program, which we call "The Voice of Arkansas Baptists in a program of sacred music and gospel message."

Appreciation of Speakers

The Commission has striven to produce the very best program possible with the means at our disposal. Many of our preachers, also laymen, have appeared on our program and have rendered a splendid service. Their messages have been well received by the radio audience as evidenced by the mail we have received, the requests for copies of the messages, and by personal words of appreciation and commendation.

A word of appreciation is due those who have so unselfishly provided the music for the Baptist Hour programs. These include the choirs of Ouachita and Central Colleges, the



Baptist Hour Quartet, composed of a group of singers of Little Rock, and the choir of the First Baptist Church of Little Rock.

Growing Audience

There is every indication that the Arkansas Baptist Hour audience is constantly growing. We are led to this belief by a constantly increasing volume of mail, more requests for copies of the messages, more references to the program in personal conversations. Also the pastors and associational missionaries throughout the state are cooperating in a magnificent way in publicizing the program by announcing the Baptist Hour in their pulpits, in church and associational bulletins, and in general meetings.

Transcribed Program

We are producing a fifteen minute transcribed program which is broadcast by eleven stations. These stations and time of broad-

cast over each station are listed each week in the Arkansas Baptist. It is much more economical to produce a transcribed program than a live program. In the first place, it would be almost impossible to secure the same time over eleven stations throughout the state for a live program. In the second place, the cost would be prohibitive.

Beginning with January, 1948, the Radio Commission asked the director to produce the whole program for a long enough period to determine if there is any continuity value in one voice and one speaker. This policy will be continued until such time as the Commission has had opportunity to appraise the relative values of the two types of programs.

Dr. Lowe's Appraisal

We sent a disc, containing two programs, to Dr. S. F. Lowe, Atlanta, who is director of the Southern Baptist Radio Commission. We asked Dr. Lowe to appraise the programs and offer suggestions for improving them. Dr. Lowe said in part: "Thank you for your letter. Brother Jack Robertson, my associate, and I have had a session listening to the two transcribed programs you forwarded to us. You asked for suggestions, and we do not have any. Both of us feel that the program as a whole, including the music and message, is absolutely excellent and I am dealing perfectly frankly when I make that statement—

"I do not know if you recognize the fact, but the music in your programs is as good as I have heard on anybody's program. I do not believe that the Baptist Hour choir can beat it. You are fortunate." (Music was by the Ouachita Choir).

Your Radio Commission asks your cooperation in publicizing "The Voice of Arkansas Baptists." We want your suggestions for improving the program. We shall be happy to send you a copy of any message which you may desire, and above all, we solicit your prayers.

B. H. DUNCAN, Director

Am I Right? . . .

IT IS TIME TO APPRAISE BAPTIST PAPERS

By J. W. STORER
Pastor First Baptist Church
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Some years ago I was asked to head a committee which was somewhat to outline the scope of denominational journalism, and to make some suggestions looking to the more efficient and effectual use of such channels of information and disseminators of inspiration.

I was happy to do this, because there had come to me certain convictions, born of both pastoral experiences and denominational affiliations, about a wider usefulness of our denominational papers. And although the report was received with favor, it was filed with fervor!

A Better Appraisal Overdue

But I still think I was right, and that our denominational leaders must come to a better appraisal of our denominational papers. Personally, I do not think we have advanced much in our thought concerning this matter beyond the place it held 30 years ago.

My conviction is that in the selection of an editor and in the approach to the whole matter, we must have some basic stake strengthening and cord loosening on the part of the various state convention boards and state secretaries.

The Denominational Burden Bearer

There is usually allocated for the paper just enough money from the denominational budget to "get by" on, and an editor is expected to be a hewer of wood and a drawer of water first, and after that an editor. The business of putting the paper to bed on Tuesday, and getting it in the mail on Thursday is his responsibility. His must be the worry about every detail; paper shortage, ink, type, composition, circulation, operation expenses—and thrice doomed is he who then shows red when the board of directors meet in pre-convention session!

No editor, worthy of the name, and entrusted with the responsibility, ought to be asked to assume the business burdens of his paper. To continue as we are is to give due notice that we consider denominational journalism as a rather necessary appendage—but upon which we will spend little money, and to which we refuse to give the best brains we have.

Appeal Through Quality

Our papers need to base their appeal for circulation on the high quality of their content, not on the galvanizing impulse of church budgeting. And our editors could do this if we would give them a chance.

Our state boards should hunt the most gifted men they can find for editors—men who are top successes where they are, and who could place these talents behind their editorship. They should be the equal in every way with the secretaries and "big" pastors.

Then the state boards should say to these fine men—"we see no sense in attempting to install a Cadillac engine in an Austin chassis. We want to make this paper attractive mechanically, and also as to its content. We want as little canned releases from South-wide and state agencies as possible."

"Therefore, we will expect you to personally

sit in on as many of the board meetings as you are able to. Go to Nashville and evaluate for our people those meetings where the policy (business and otherwise) for the Southern Baptist Convention is so largely set up."

Add Human Interest

"Go to the meetings of the Foreign Mission Board, give us the human interest stories of those candidates up for commission to the various fields. Sit in with the Home Board; all of them—and make our paper a distributor of freshly editorialized reports concerning our great agencies; what they are doing and why.

"We will expect you to arrange your schedule so that every five years you are to visit the Foreign Mission fields, and thus bring the world to our people through your pen and by pictures. We will give you carte blanc on trips to focal points of state mission interest.

Make The Paper Indispensable

"We think you have the ability to pack our paper so full of good things that our people will regard it as an indispensable part of their Christian life. We know you are true to the Word, or we would not have selected you for our editor. We know, therefore, that you will be as deeply concerned for evangelism, for all mission endeavor, and for more Christlike Christian living as the most devoted secretary or pastor in the Southern Baptist Convention.

"In short, sir, you are the best qualified man we know for the largest place of leadership amongst us, we so consider you, and you are to estimate your service in the light of such consideration."

Brethren, it is my conviction that until we come to some such viewpoint, we are merely marking time with our denominational press.

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Central Board

Appoints Dean

Marvin Bankston, former president of Arkansas A. & M. College, Monticello, was elected dean of Central College, to reopen at Camp Robinson, September 6 at a meeting of the Board of Trustees, January 26.

Mr. Bankston is the first official selected by the Central College Board since the meeting of the Arkansas Baptist Convention in November.

In commenting on his appointment, Mr. Bankston said, "I am delighted and honored to have the opportunity to serve this school maintained by my denomination and for which I have been working during my lifetime. The possibilities of Central in its new Little Rock location represent a power for good in the development of a Christian center for the youth of the land to be trained for the development of a changed social order where I hope all mankind can live in peace in the same world.

A native of Kemper County, Mississippi, Mr. Bankston moved to Fountain Hill in 1904. He attended Arkansas A. & M., Tulane University, Mississippi State College, and George Peabody School for Teachers. After teaching in rural schools, he joined the A. & M. faculty as head of the Agriculture Department in 1927, and became president in 1935. He left to attend to private interests at Hamburg in October, 1946.

HEALING BROKEN HEARTS

A Devotion by the Editor

"Woman, behold thy son! Then sayeth he to the disciple, Behold thy Mother!" John 19:26-27.

Jesus could not turn aside from His cross, even though it involved others, and those nearest Him, in suffering.

Just how far should this principle be carried out in Christian living by us today? Should we bear the Christian cross and make such sacrifices in the interest of God's kingdom as will bring suffering, heartaches, and privations to those whom we love most? Can we afford to give time to the Lord that might be spent with our families? Can we afford to give money to God's cause that might be used to lighten the burdens of the household? Can we afford to assume responsibilities in the service of our Lord that will use us up, even from our business or professions? How far should we go in this matter?

We discover that Christ's way of meeting sorrow and comforting the sorrowing is in new relationships and new responsibilities. His mother would find comfort in this His closest friend; and His closest friend would find comfort in caring for the mother of His Lord.

There is no comfort for sorrow in isolation and idleness—these bring on a settled melancholia.

Some one has said: "The broken bonds of affection can never be left loose and bleeding. They must be woven into new and healing patterns. The comfort which counts most is a contribution of experience put at the service of those who need help." Again, "Sorrows are not to be nursed." It is the wrong thing to do, when in sorrow, to cease all activity, sit down and fold one's hands and feed one's soul upon grief. That part of life which is torn away by sorrow must be rebuilt and on a stronger foundation and on more shapely lines.

Have you not known cities that were razed by storm or fire? The wreckage looked hopeless. But when the city was rebuilt it was more magnificent than before. Should not the same thing be true of a life? Why should we rebuild our cities and fail to rebuild our lives?

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Across the Editor's Desk

The Christian Sabbath

The Sabbath has always been a vital institution of religion and we cannot consider any religious heritage without a serious consideration of religion's Sabbath.

Jesus met with a Sabbath that was bound with such laws as to make it a burden. It cramped and hindered life and life's expansion and growth. To live through a Sabbath on His day was like walking through a swamp infested with poisonous reptiles. It was a Sabbath of fear that exhausted the vital energies of life. The Sabbath was never intended to be such a day as Jesus found it to be.

To live through a Sabbath day should have been like walking through a shady lane where the flowers bloomed and the birds sang and all life and nature conspired to give one a sense of the wholesomeness and worthwhile-ness of life, and to bring one nearer to life's word. The Sabbath day should pulsate with the potency of God's love and His gracious ministries to tired and worn humanity.

Jesus rescued the Sabbath from legalism and handed it back to man a free and glorious institution of religion for the benefit of men. But the pleasure-seekers seem to have taken charge of the Sabbath and made it gain the most exhausting and enervating day of the week. This has come about not because the day has been hedged about by innumerable laws, nor because it has become a day that inspires fear, but because the pleasure seekers have made it a day in which to pursue every pleasure and revelry that the work week has denied them. So the Sabbath has become a debauch, a blight, a day when civilization in its progress has been set back immeasurably, and it takes the remainder of the week to recover the loss and start again from the point we had gained by the Saturday night before.

There are those who will argue quite heatedly that they must work or play on the Sabbath. They have so organized the affairs of their lives that they have convinced themselves that it is the one day of the week which they may appropriate for their own selfish ends.

The Sabbath is a day for building life, or perhaps we should say, for rebuilding life. Throughout the week we have met and grappled with the stern and often unfriendly realities of the material world. Disappointments have come, hardships have had to be borne, losses have been sustained, annoyances have tried our patience. Perplexities have left us confused and bewildered. Therefore, we often come to the end of the week with frayed nerves, with lagging moral

courage, with our spiritual reserves exhausted, and our souls in somewhat of a stupor. So, what we need on the Sabbath is not to further exhaust our lives, but to rebuild them. On the Sabbath day our spiritual natures should be revived, our moral courage renewed, the reservoirs of our spiritual nature refilled, and our souls recharged with divine energy.

But what do we often find? Blue Monday is a very expressive phrase. It means that on the Sabbath day one has further depleted his reserves and resources, and instead of being better fitted to enter upon a new week of opportunity and responsibility, he is less prepared. The Sabbath was intended to give us a new hold upon the sources of real strength and power so that on Monday morning we could face the world with renewed hope and greater courage and strength. If on the Lord's Day your spirit is renewed, your soul refreshed, your faith strengthened, your spiritual reserves restored, you will face Monday a new man with a radiant smile and power to win.

Jesus said, "The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath." Certainly the Lord of the Sabbath should not be forgotten or ignored on the Lord's Day. All the blessed benefits of the Sabbath depend upon one's attitude toward and devotion to the Lord of the Sabbath.

The story is told that W. J. Bryan, who will be remembered more for his Christian faith than his political career, was once invited to a dinner in his honor on the Sabbath day. "I am sorry," he replied, "but it's Sunday and I go to church. Won't you go with me?" It would mean a new day for our nation and for the world if all our people would take that attitude toward the Lord's Day.

Is the Lord of the Sabbath ignored? Or is He sought after? Do we honor Him or do we disobey Him on His day?

Man's God Consciousness

The origin of man's god-consciousness is found in the creative act of God when he said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness."

That image may be marred and defaced, but it can not be eradicated from the human soul. There comes a time in our life when that divine image asserts itself and calls in unutterable words of yearning for God, its counterpart.

However, this God consciousness is not congenial with human depravity. There-

fore, depraved men try to forget God in their pursuit of carnal and evil delights. Apparently some are successful until worldly and temporal props fall from under them.

Another popular method of dealing with this god-consciousness, without yielding to it, is the effort to fashion a God according to one's own liking. Being unwilling to accept and serve the God who is presented in the Bible and who is calling through their consciousness, men undertake to fashion a God out of their own imaginings, a God who will approve their lives and condone their conduct. By this method they achieve temporary peace and satisfaction, and claim the endorsement of the God whom they have made.

God once complained that his people thought that He was like themselves, a God whom they could subdue and control.

All life powers and possibilities come to maturity and fruition when this consciousness of God is recognized for what it is and is followed in one's search for God. "The compass needle, once touched by the loadstone, never rests till it turns to the pole." Human hearts have been touched by the infinite God and can never rest until they turn trustfully to the God who made them.

What unguessed and hitherto unpretentious talents are revealed in one's life when one honors this inherent consciousness of the divine and follows its promptings to seek God. Any life that is discordant, frustrated by conflicts and contradictions, will become harmonious, radiant, and rich by the touch of God whom the human spirit intuitively recognizes.

Dr. P. W. James, tells this story. A mother and her little daughter were guests in a tourist hotel in Norway. Every day the little girl would go to the grand piano in the great salon, and with one finger, pick out a tune, she would make a wretched discord; and in time this performance so wrought upon the nerves of the other guests that when they saw the little girl go to the piano they would retreat to the gardens outside.

One day a master magician came to stop at the hotel. He saw the little girl go to the piano, he also saw the guests hurridly leave the room. Then he heard the silly little tune played with one finger on the noble instrument. He took in the situation; and the next day when she began her tune, he went and leaned over the child, put one arm on each side of her, and played with her, making her simple little tune the theme of a beautiful piece of music. When she came to the discord, the master was able to change it into a wonderful harmony that quickly brought the astonished guests back into the salon.

We sit before the keyboard of life, and how imperfect are all our efforts! How many wretched discords we make! But Christ is the master musician; and if we will only let him, he will change our discords, our failures and mistakes, into a harmony that will bring blessedness on earth and joy among the angels of heaven.

NOTES OF ADVANCE

Rev. Lawrence Ferriel, who became pastor of Kelso Church, January 1, reports that during the month of January the finances of the church have doubled and seven persons have united with the church. Pastor Ferriel hopes soon to occupy the new pastor's home which is now under construction. Pastor Ferriel came to the Kelso Church from the Bigelow Church in Perry County Association. During 1947, forty-eight baptisms were reported by the churches of Perry County Association, twenty-four of these were reported by the Bigelow Church.

Pastor Fred A. White, First Church, Prescott, writes concerning a revival in which he did the preaching and Joe Trussell, evangelistic singer, Houston, directed the music: "In spite of sleet, snow and ice we had a splendid revival in January. There were 14 additions by baptism. A large percentage of these were men, and a number of young people came for rededication. Our people were cooperative and responsive, much time was spent in visitation with the results proving that 'it pays to do personal work'."

Pastor White says, "I would like to recommend Bro. and Mrs. Joe Trussell to churches of Arkansas. He is a power for God in winning the lost, his spirit is fine, he has a loveable personality yet with a directness in presentation of the music that prepares the lost for the message. Mrs. Trussell is a talented pianist and a trained young people's and intermediate worker. This fine couple's contribution to a revival cannot be estimated."

Bro. Joe Trussell is a native of Arkansas, and one of the South's leading evangelistic singers, if you would like to get in touch with him, his home address is: 2302 Prospect, Houston 4, Texas.

Grace Church, North Little Rock, reports a vigorous program of missions and visitation which is carried on throughout the community in which the church is situated. This program is under the direction of Miss Willa Mabrey, church visitor, who is ably supported by the pastor, Rev. E. S. Ray and other members of the church.

Mrs. Cecil Surratt says of this program, "The new community missionary program, started last summer, has brought amazing results. Miss Mabrey is out in the community almost every day visiting the lost, the unchurched, and those Christians who are indifferent—and she is bringing them in. She conducted Bible classes in homes throughout the community last summer, and many were saved. At present she has a class at the church each Saturday morning for children.

"Other members of the church have learned from the visitation of Miss Mabrey that visiting pays and they are beginning to visit more themselves. The Sunday School and church attendance has increased since last summer, and the words "Expansion" and "More Sunday School Rooms" are being constantly heard.

Rev. R. B. Favorite of Little Rock, supplied the pulpit of the First Baptist Church, Russellville, January 25.

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Requests for all room assignment should be addressed to Dr. Mark Harris, Chairman, Rooms Reservation Committee, 601 No. Bellevue, Memphis 7, Tenn. Only rooms in private homes are now available. Room assignments will be made beginning April 1, 1948. Indicate your mode of travel.

Dr. S. E. Tull of Pine Bluff supplied the pulpit of the Beech Street Church, Texarkana, January 25.

Pastor Jesse Reed of the Park Place Baptist Church, Hot Springs, commends Evangelistic Singer Horace Evans of whom he says, "He can do the job in revivals in a fine way."

Pastor Dean Newberry, Jr., began his pastorate with the First Baptist Church, Wilton, in July, 1947. The six months that Pastor Newberry has been with the Wilton Church have been busy months in which a Vacation Bible School was held and also a revival meeting, in addition to the regular church activities all of which have been stepped up and are showing marked progress.

During the six months that Pastor Newberry has been with the Wilton Church there has been 31 additions by baptism and 16 by letter; Sunday School and Training Union attendance has doubled; the church offering has been increased 100 per cent, also gifts to missions; and the Arkansas Baptist is being sent to every home within the church membership.

At the Sunday morning service of the First Baptist Church, Alpena Pass, January 18, Bill Odom surrendered to the call of the gospel ministry. Mr. Odom, who served in last world war, is superintendent of the Sunday School of the Alpena Church and has been active in church life since returning home from service in the Army.

Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Rev. W. O. Vaught, Jr., pastor, compares their total receipts for 1947 and 1948. Total contributions for 1947 were \$150,029.34, in 1948 \$130,495.34—an increase of \$19,534. Most significant is that total gifts to Missions increased \$11,123.63.

Rev. E. C. Brown, Pastor of First Church, Blytheville, announces that Miss Hazel Brannen has accepted the position of Educational Secretary and will begin her new duties February 1st.

First Baptist Church, Springdale, Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, pastor, says, "We are missionary," and gives as evidence the fact that the 1948 budget carries an increase of \$1,600. for Foreign Missions, and an increase of \$180 for for Associational Missions. This missionary-minded church sponsors two city missions and a rural one.

New Church Dedicated

By NELLIE ROBERTS

The Eastview Church of Texarkana dedicated its new house of worship Sunday, February 1st. Dr. B. L. Bridges was present and spoke at the morning hour. Rev. L. E. Ho pastor, Highland Park Church, Texarkana preached the dedicatory sermon.

A little over a year and a half ago, the Reverend Wallace A. Ely held services under a group of pine trees in the part of Texarkana known as the Iron Mountain Addition. The group attending grew larger with each service and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Roberts opened their home for the services. More and more people of the surrounding territory became interested, and with the help of Beech Street Baptist Church a small building was purchased and set on a lot donated by Mr. C. T. Hinshaw. Chairs were purchased from Bright Star School District, a piano was donated by Beech Street Church. The overflow of Sunday School classes met in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hinshaw and Reverend and Mrs. Sid White.

Those attending East Ninth Street Baptist Mission, as it was then called, worked and prayed, and on July 7, 1946, Eastview Baptist Church was organized with the aid of members and pastors of nearby churches. By unanimous vote of the Church, Reverend Wallace A. Ely was called as pastor.

The building was too small for the attendance. The addition of a few feet of auditorium space and four Sunday School rooms helped the situation some. Soon two other class rooms were added.

Eastview Church kept bursting at the seams, and a new white brick building designed by Reverend L. E. Holt was begun. Members of other Baptist Churches and friends of other denominations helped and are helping Eastview members to make this possible.

At this time the new building is not completed, but since the auditorium and some of the class rooms are finished, the membership is anxious to move into the larger building, thereby permitting those who have not been attending because of lack of space to join in the fellowship of a group doing everything in its power to bring Christ to the lost of the community.

Radio

"The Voice of Arkansas Baptists," a radio program produced by the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, presents "The Meteor of Light Series" by B. H. Duncan.

All broadcasts are by transcription and may be heard every Sunday over the following stations:

KLCN—Blytheville, 8:00 a. m.
 KHOZ—Harrison, 8:30 a. m.
 KCLA—Pine Bluff, 8:30 a. m.
 KTFS—Texarkana, 8:45 a. m.
 KFFA—Helena, 1:30 p. m.
 KWFC—Hot Springs, 1:30 p. m.
 KGHI—Little Rock, 1:45 p. m.
 KELD—El Dorado, 3:30 p. m.
 KVRC—Arkadelphia, 4:00 p. m.
 KUOA—Silva Springs, 4:15 p. m.
 KWHN—Ft. Smith, 4:45 p. m.

Another Angle of . . .

THIS RETIREMENT BUSINESS

By B. V. FERGUSON

Recently there appeared in the Arkansas Baptist a very fine, constructive, illuminating and encouraging article on retirement. I think the information will be helpful to many who have come to where it is best for them to retire, or they feel directed to do so.

However, the retirement plan will not work out the same for all the preachers who retire and we doubt the advisability of stressing retirement at the age of 65 for all pastors.

In the first place, many preachers have not saved up enough to add to their small retirement income to make the way look very bright as to material things out to the end of the way. It is to be remembered that the plan will not produce its maximum income for all the preachers until it has been in operation for twelve years. In Arkansas it is now in its ninth year of operation.

We think it well to give a word of caution to churches and pastors to be patient until the plan is in full operation.

Secondly, as the number of retired ministers increases, there will be less remunerative work for them all.

Wisely the Relief and Annuity Board planned that retirement should be a voluntary matter, entirely between the churches and pastors, with the thought that the Lord would give divine guidance as to what the pastors and churches should do. It was never thought that all pastors would or should retire at 65 years of age. It is his privilege to draw his annuity at that age if wisdom dictates that he should retire.

However, it seems to us that you can no more pour all the preachers into the same mould at the age of 65 than you could when they began their ministry. Some men are older at 50 than others at 65. Some men have done some of their best work after the age of 65. We can think of a multitude of them who have served as pastors after the age of 65 to the glory of God and His churches. A man cannot scratch a set date on the calendar and say "Here lies the will of God."

We believe that one of the greatest blessings that has ever come to our Southern Baptist preachers is this plan of providing for old age. On the other hand we cannot think of anything that would be a greater tragedy for pastors and churches if we make this entirely mechanical and take it out of the hands of the Lord.

Certainly no preacher ought to wish to stay in a church to the detriment of the church when he is no longer able to render vigorous and aggressive service. This matter of advising or suggesting that all should retire at the age of 65 may put some very unscriptural and ungodly thinking in the heads of some disgruntled people in the churches. There have been people in the churches that have been experimenting on retiring preachers or getting rid of them, long before they are 65. The retirement plan was never meant to give an element an opportunity to take a pot shot at the preachers.

Another thing should be taken into consideration is that preachers are no more alike at 65 than they are at 21. They cannot all

retire to do the same things and to enjoy the same things. They cannot all find the opportunity and happiness, and usefulness, in being preachers at large. Many want to continue as long as they are physically able, in the active pastorate and the churches will want them to continue, and more than that, it is the will of God that they should continue.

Again you cannot run preachers, at any age, through the same mould and get the same reactions. We believe the Retirement Plan only opens the way for retirement where it seems best, with no word of advice that it should be a uniform plan that all preachers retire at that age.

We believe, irrespective of when it may be deemed wise for one to retire, that he ought to have, as far as practical, some plans for his future that will enable him to render what service he can and to be happy, and be self-sustaining and not a burden or a pest to others.

The Annuity Plan is a wise provision for the preachers and churches, if we don't begin to ride it too early and abuse it to the hurt of the churches and pastors.

We believe that a man, irrespective of what is to become of him after he retires, can be just as much directed of the Lord when he retires as he is in receiving the call of the Lord to enter the ministry.

Let us make wise use of the retirement privilege without abusing it. We think that the Lord will be pleased to have the pastors, and the churches, seek His will in this as well as all other matters.

Former Arkansan Sings Over Mutual Broadcasting System

Former Arkansan, Jeannine McDonald, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Erwin L. McDonald, of Louisville, sang on the first of a new series of broadcasts by the Mutual Broadcasting System from New York City, Sunday afternoon, January 25. The new program, "My Favorite Kid," was broadcast from 2:00 to 2:30 in the afternoon, Central Standard Time.

A 16-year-old coloratura, Miss McDonald was chosen for the program as "a teen-ager who has overcome great handicaps." Afflicted at the age of ten with unique throat complication following a tonsillectomy, she breathed for more than a year through a tube inserted in her trachea and was unable to speak for weeks during a series of operations. Today her throat is lined with skin grafted from her legs, but recovery is complete.

The McDonalds are originally from Pope County, Arkansas, where Dr. McDonald, now publicity director of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, was for several years city editor of the Russellville Daily Courier-Democrat. The family moved to Louisville in 1944, from Arkadelphia.

An empty house cannot be kept clean; moral neutrality is impossible; negative virtue is unattainable.

Letter to Elledge

Pastor H. A. Elledge of the Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, is rendering an outstanding service to Ouachita College and the Baptists of Arkansas. Pastor Elledge has assumed the direction of the Ouachita Million Dollar campaign, at the same time carrying on the responsibilities of his pastorate of the Baring Cross Church. The church is graciously sharing the talents and time of its pastor with Ouachita for this important work.

In a letter to Pastor Elledge, Dr. J. R. Grant, president of Ouachita, pays worthy and appropriate tribute to both the Baring Cross Church and its pastor. Dr. Grant says in part:

DEAR BROTHER ELLEDGE:

On behalf of your friends, not only at Ouachita, but throughout the state, I am writing, first, to thank your congregation for lending you to the Ouachita College Campaign for these few months. Second, we are thanking you for taking up the work which Dr. Whittington was compelled to give up. All of us realize that you and your congregation at Baring Cross Baptist Church are making a great contribution to Christian education. Our prayers are that God will continue to bless all of you.

We believe, too, that as the Ouachita College Campaign continues, you will see the Lord's program in it all. World recovery, prosperity, and peace awaits Christian education. Ouachita College wants to do her part.

Fraternally yours,
J. R. GRANT, President

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Dallas First to Honor Lee

The First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, will give an "Appreciation Dinner" on February 27, in honor of E. E. Lee, pioneer South-wide Training Union secretary who retired last year.

Pastor W. A. Criswell and the Dallas Church are inviting his friends throughout the South to send messages of greeting and appreciation to Mr. Lee for this occasion. All messages should be addressed in care of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas. The purpose is to present these letters to Mr. Lee on the occasion of the "Appreciation Dinner," February 27. "He will open these letters as the days permit and will, no doubt, treasure them through life."

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Rev. H. L. Lipford, the new pastor at First Church, Brinkley, took up his duties January 1, 1948. He reports that the prospects are promising and the outlook bright for Kingdom progress in this field. Pastor Lipford's friends throughout the state will rejoice to know that his health has improved to such a degree that he is now able to take up the responsibilities of the pastorate.

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There was a total of 29 additions, 15 of these by baptism, in a recent revival at the Immanuel Church, Dallas, Texas, conducted by Dan Vestal, Greenville, Texas evangelist, who is a student at the Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth. Music was directed by Fred Helm. Rev. I. J. Peneto is the pastor of Immanuel Church.

CHRISTIAN HORIZONS

*Blessed is the man whose skylight is undimmed
by the dust of doubt or sin of disobedience.*

United Prayer: "Pray at eight in '48" has been suggested by D. C. Oscar Johnson, president of the Baptist World Alliance, in calling upon the world's 15,000,000 Baptist to pause in prayer every morning at that time in united prayer. "By so doing we will establish a round-the-world hour of prayer," said Dr. Johnson.

Baptist Missionaries Received by President: Thirty-seven Baptist missionaries were greeted by President Truman in Washington, D. C. as "frontier purveyors of peace." The President praised them for carrying the message of American goodwill throughout the world and assured them that "we have no selfish interest in treaties or anything of the sort."

Bishop's Likeness on Rhine Stamp: The new Rhine-Palatinate state recently created in the French occupation zone of Germany has issued a stamp bearing the likeness of Bishop Wilhelm Van Ketteler, a renowned champion of democracy and social action. One of his most famous utterances, made at a public meeting in his diocese, was: "As much as religion is in need of liberty, so liberty is in need of religion."

Austrian Protestants Get Barrack Church: Religious News Service reports that the eleventh "Barrack church" for use by Austrian Protestants was opened recently at Bruck-on-Leitha, Lower Austria, by Bishop Gerhard May of the Evangelist Church in Austria. The structure was donated by the Department of Reconstruction and Inter-Church Aid of the World Council of Churches in Geneva. Meanwhile, numerous Protestant churches and institutions have been reopened through the efforts of the reconstruction division of the Evangelical Church, aided mainly by Lutheran churches in the United States.

Funds for Secretarian Groups Opposed: The Missouri Ministers Convocation has pledged itself to fight any legislation which would permit the use of public monies to support any sectarian religious group of school. Religious News Service reports that the convocation declared it would: "Continue the fight to uphold our Missouri Constitution and the Federal Constitution by opposing any legislation whatsoever which would allow public monies to be used directly or indirectly for the aid or support of any kind of sectarian religious group or school."

Need Complete Bible: Dr. Ben Oliver, missionary to southern Brazil for 12 years, says that the great need in Brazil today is study of the complete Bible. Some Catholics who are dominate in Brazil, have limited their members to the four gospels in their study of the Bible. Oliver stated, "In order for nations to maintain a 'good neighbor' policy there must be a spiritual conception of what the other person needs."

Missionaries Captured: Rev. and Mrs. Green W. Strother, and their youngest son, have been captured by the Communist forces operating in North China, where they are serving under the Foreign Mission Board. Latest reports indicate that though prisoners of the Communists, they have not been subjected to any suffering.

Dr. R. Lofton Hudson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Shawnee, Okla.: "Usually a person is not won to Christ until he is first won to Christians. When the churches are willing to pay the price of unselfish friendship with lost people, many more of Adam's offspring will come to know God."—In Southwide Baptist Digest.

Baptists Encounter Hardships: An interesting account of the hardships under which Baptist work in Estonia is carried on is in a recent issue of the daily newspaper, The Christian Science Monitor. The country was taken over by the Soviet Union in 1944, but Baptists have continued their work ever since, though they are meeting serious difficulties.

During World War I all Baptist churches were closed but with advent of Estonian independence after 1918, religious freedom prevailed and church work advanced. Before long Baptists had 52 churches with some 10,000 members. After the Soviet army occupied the country in 1940 conditions rapidly changed, church property was nationalized and Baptist had to pay rent on their own property. Theological seminaries were closed, religious work among youths prohibited, with the consequent closing of Sunday schools, devotional literature confiscated, and periodicals suspended. A new edition of the Bible that was nearing completion was turned into pulp. Holding of religious services is not prohibited, but is seriously restricted by demands for high rent, and Baptist preachers are constantly under close surveillance by the Secret Police.

A Record in Giving: During 1947 Methodists of the United States gave a total of \$164,138,457 for all church causes, the Rev. Albert S. Hoover, chief statistician of the Church reports through Religious News Service. Of this amount \$31,076,049 was given for World Service missionary and educational work and other benevolences.

Religion: Dr. C. C. Jung, the distinguished European psychologist, writes, after 30 years practice, "Among all my patients in the second half of life, that is to say, past 35, there has not been one whose problem in the last resort has not been that of finding a religious outlook on life. It is safe to say that every one of them fell ill because he or she had lost that which the living religions of every age have given to their followers, and not one of them has been really healed who did not regain his religious outlook." — Clear Horizons.

Chinese General Studies English and Finds Jes

General Fu, one of the highest ranked army officers of General Chiang Kai-Shek Army, is in the United States on official business. When he landed in San Francisco he needed help with English. Miss Mary Ne Lyon, Home Missionary to the Chinese and former Missionary to China volunteered to teach English to the General, as she gave the lessons she told General Fu of his need of Jesus and the way to be saved.

General Fu made the trip to Washington, D. C. and on his return to San Francisco again asked for Miss Lyon's help with English. He attended the Calvary Southern Baptist Church in Berkeley with Miss Lyon and in one of the services he accepted Christ as his personal Saviour and was baptized into the fellowship of the church.

As General Fu returns to his homeland he will carry the "good news" of Jesus back to his people and will indeed, be on "business for the King."

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Missouri Synod Constructs Transmitter: Radio station KFVO, owned and operated by the Missouri Lutheran Synod has received permission from the Federal Communications Commission to build a transmitter and will enjoy unlimited broadcasting time on its completion. The project was described as part of an expansion program that "will mark a new era of growth and development of the Gospel Voice, radio mission house of the Church."

Program for Happiness: To live content with small means; to seek elegance rather than luxury, and refinement rather than fashion; to be worthy, not respectable, and wealthy, not rich; to study hard, think quietly, talk gently, act frankly; to listen to the stars and the birds, to babes and sages, with open heart; to hear all cheerfully, do all bravely, await occasions, hurry never; in a word to let the spiritual, unbidden and unconscious, grow up through the common.—William Henry Channing.

Methodist Enlarge Education Program: The General Conference of the Methodist Church which meets in Boston, Mass., next April, will be asked to make provision for \$250,000 yearly in a scholarship fund to bring from Missionary fields especially qualified nationals for post-graduate studies in America. Already the Methodist Church, at an expenditure of \$58,000, has granted special scholarships to 296 students from all the continents in which it is carrying on missionary work and it is proposed to continue this policy as a permanent feature of Christian missionary endeavor.

Open Mission Field: No other section of the world offers as great missionary opportunities for the amount invested and expended as does Central America, Dr. Alfred Carpenter, Secretary of Direct Missions, declared. He describes Central America as "a gap we must fill with the New Testament message and with New Testament churches." He also, says, "We have given Central America everything we have but the Gospel and if time we are giving that, the people of the countries can never have stable government until a sufficient number of them have the experience of grace in their hearts to make democracy possible."

The Freedom of Religion

By W. W. MELTON, Pastor
Columbus Avenue Baptist Church
Waco, Texas

(The Freedom Train was in Waco on Monday, February 2. A special program was arranged on the subject, "The Freedom of Religion." The program included messages by a Catholic priest, a Jewish rabbi, a Negro minister, and Dr. W. W. Melton. The accompanying article is the message delivered by Dr. Melton—EDITOR.)

Free Grace

When one reads the Bible with an open mind there are several inescapable facts that greet him: The first is that man's salvation is based on God's free grace, "For by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourself it is the gift of God." This sovereign grace is the foundation upon which the eternal hopes of man stand; since it is a gift, it can not be purchased at any price, either by obedience, or by loyalty, or by sacrifices, or by merit of any kind or degree. All the favorable consequences that come in the religious life of a man are the fruits of salvation and not the roots of it.

Individual Important

The second thing of immeasurable importance found in the Bible is the place and the worth of the individual in the scheme of redemption. The appeals of the Bible are individual, and the response must be individual. Everything in the Christian religion is per-

sonal, individual and voluntary. There is not one condition that can be answered by proxy, nor one condition that can be met in mass. One man can not repent of the sins of another man, each must repent of his own sins. One man can not accept the Saviour for another man, each must settle that for himself. One man can not dedicate the life of another man to the Lord, each must dedicate himself, if he is ever dedicated.

Worship Voluntary

All worship is voluntary. Each individual has the moral right to accept the offers of God's mercy or to reject them. Each one has the constitutional right to pray or not to pray, to live right or not to live right. This freedom does not exempt him from the penalties of his wrong choices, but he has the right to choose for himself. All the powers of heaven, earth and hell are powerless to make a man religious if he wills not to be; likewise, all the powers of heaven, earth and hell are powerless to keep a man from being religious if he wills to be religious. Not even God can save a man against his will, nor can God refuse to save a man without perjuring himself if that man comes humbly and meets God's requirements. The soul of a man is a sacred citadel where none dares to invade, each man is the architect of his own eternal house, each one writes his own record by which he is to be judged. When the Lord spoke to John and said, "Whosoever will let him take the water of life freely," He opened the gates of heaven wide for all who would enter in, he brushed aside every barrier that

would hinder the coming of men, He opened the door so wide none could close it; but He made his coming a voluntary, a personal, and an individual matter.

No Partiality

One can not read the Bible with open mind without being impressed with the impartiality of God towards men; He will hear the cry of the poorest as quickly as He will the cry of the richest; He will answer the call of the humblest as quickly as the most exalted. With Him there is neither Jew nor Gentile; there is neither high nor low; there is neither black nor white. Nor has He delegated his authority to individuals, nor to organizations. He has not delegated the power to save men to his Church. He only can save men. Men can approach God for themselves, without the aid of the Church, without the benefits of the clergy, without the mediation of the ordinances, without the use of ceremonies and rituals. Ecclesiastical functions are not requisities to a man's finding God.

Christianity Not Rules

Christianity is not a set of rules, it is not the adoption of certain dogmas, it is not a mental acceptance of the Bible or any of its teachings, it is not affiliation with a Church, it is not a faithful adherence to the regulations of the Church; rather Christianity is a personal experience. God can not be found in the Bible, nor in the Church, nor in religion; God is found in a personal experience, out of this experience comes religion, with all of its religious concepts.

Song of the Month

FEBRUARY

By RUTH NININGER

"O JESUS, THOU ART STANDING"

ST. HILDA

WILLIAM W. HOW

KNECHT-HUSBAND

1. O Jesus, thou art standing
Outside the fast-closed door,
In lowly patience waiting
To pass the threshold o'er;
Shame on us, Christian brothers,
His name and sign we bear,
O shame, thrice shame upon us,
To keep him standing there.

2. O Jesus, thou art knocking;
And of that hand is scarred,
And thorns thy brow encircle,
And tears thy face have marred;
O love that passeth knowledge,
So patiently to wait;
O sin that hath no equal,
So fast to bar the gate.

3. O Jesus, thou art pleading
In accents meek and low,
"I died for you, my children,
And will ye treat me so?"
O Lord, with shame and sorrow,
We open now the door;
Dear Saviour, enter, enter,
And leave us nevermore!

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come into him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Revelation 3:20.

Inspired by the words of Revelation 3:20, the great hymn was written by William Walsham How. This godly man was known as the Shepherd of Souls in the slums of London. Although educated at Oxford, he was obliged to work exceptionally hard to maintain his scholarship status. His great desire was "not to be remembered but to be helpful." Instead of attempting to sell his hymns, characterized by simplicity and earnestness, he generously gave them to all who would use them in offering praise and thanksgiving in the sanctuary. He wrote the words of "O Jesus, thou art standing" in 1867, thirteen years after William Holman Hunt had painted his famous picture "The Light of the World," suggested by the same message of the Risen Lord taken from John's vision.

The picture, easily produced the greatest effect of any religious painting of the century. As one stands reverently to view it in detail, he is struck with the look of sadness on Jesus' face as he stands knocking on the door which is overgrown with tangled vines. In his left hand hangs a lighted lantern dispelling the thick darkness round about. One arresting detail is the sprouting crown of thorns upon the Saviour's head. The Hymn-Tune St. Hilda is an adaption by Reverend Edward Husband, organist and church musician of Folkstone, England, from the original written in the early Nineteenth Century by a celebrated German musician, Justin Heinrich Knecht.

Evangelistic Conference Great Triumph

Joins Editorial Staff

By C. W. CALDWELL

The Evangelistic Conference held in Little Rock last week was a glorious success, both in attendance and in interest manifested, in spite of the disagreeable weather which tied up traffic and hindered traveling in practically every section of the state. According to the registration, practically 50% of the active pastors in the state were in attendance. The clerks in hotels, waitresses in cafes, and drivers of taxicabs had expressions of wonder on their faces as they saw the large number gathering in the city Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning with the entire state covered with sleet and ice. "How did they get here?" were words heard on every side.

Thirty-nine of the forty-two associations were represented. Of course, the largest attendance from any one association was from Pulaski County. Many other associations, however, were well represented. Mississippi County Association, which is in the northeastern part of the state, had 11 pastors present. The Delta Association, which is in the extreme southeastern section, had ten present. Greene County and Clear Creek, according to the registration, had nine pastors each. The total registration of pastors and out-of-town visitors was approximately 300. Visitors from out of the state were: Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Favoright, Willmette, Ill.; I. F. Matheney, Mattoon, Illinois; Rev. Gordon C. Smith, Grandview, Iowa; C. S. Cadwallader, Sr., Ruston, Louisiana; C. S. Cadwallader, Jr., Monroe, Louisiana; Rev. Moore of Oklahoma; Dr. C. E. Matthews, Warren Hultgren, "Bo" Baker of Texas; B. B. McKinney and R. G. Lee of Tennessee.

The opening session of the conference Monday evening was devoted primarily to youth. Mr. B. B. McKinney, who conducted the music during the conference, led the congregation in singing many of the great old hymns. Then a youth choir under the direction of "Bo" Baker of Texas, rendered several special numbers. Warren Hultgren told of the youth movement in conducting revival services and stated that there are many young people today who are on fire for the Lord and are willing to be used in conducting youth revivals. His message was followed by a very daring and challenging testimony as to the place youth play in the spiritual awakening by Reverend "Bo" Baker.

The opening message Tuesday morning was delivered by Reverend T. K. Rucker, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Malvern, on the subject, "The World Needs a Revival." In the message Mr. Rucker said, "Too many churches have drawn a circle about them and said 'here is where we spend our money and center our interests'". In describing the condition of many churches, showing the need of a revival, he stated, "Apathy from within does more harm than opposition from without. The church that is growing is one that is under pressure trying to meet the needs of the hour."

Reverend Jesse Reed gave a most inspiring message on "Our Main Mission." The main points of his message were: (1) we are obligated to win men to Christ; (2) we must go after the lost for our own sake; (3) we must be convinced that soul winning is our main task; (4) we must go after people because they are lost and because of the joy that will come in their salvation.

Dr. R. C. Campbell gave the closing mes-

sage on Tuesday morning using the subject, "We Can Have a Revival". He said, "We can have a revival if we can have preaching today like that of the first century of Christianity when the apostles changed the entire Roman Empire. There is plenty of activity in our churches, but activity cannot be a substitute for spirituality." "We need to repent," he said, "for as long as we smile on sin we will go on condoning sin. There is a vast difference between reformation and regeneration."

Tuesday afternoon was given mostly to conferences, one of which was conducted with the entire group by Dr. C. E. Matthews, Director of Evangelism under the Home Mission Board. He stressed Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusades. He explained that the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade is simply all the churches of a given association or territory uniting in evangelistic campaigns at the same time. He stated that in Texas every association had such a crusade last year. He urged that all the associations in Arkansas begin now to make plans to have Simultaneous Crusades during the year 1949.

Following the conference led by Dr. Matthews the representatives of the various associations met in group conferences to make their plans and set up their objectives for the immediate task and also to begin planning for 1949.

Dr. R. G. Lee delivered two very inspiring messages, one on the subject, "The Blight of Sin," and the other, "Is Hell a Myth?" "I'd rather preach unpleasant truth than to preach pleasant error," he stated as he urged the pastors to preach the truth about sin and hell. "No person can preach the truth about sin without offending some individual; but the truth must be preached just the same."

Dr. B. V. Ferguson of Fort Smith, in speaking on the Holy Spirit, called attention to the fact that there can be no conviction, conversion, or a real spiritual revival without the work of the Holy Spirit. He stated that the failure of many people in the task of soul winning is due to the fact that they try to do it in their own strength without being led by the Holy Spirit. "It is an easy matter to lead a person to a decision for Christ when the Holy Spirit has brought conviction and is leading the soul winner at the same time," he declared.

One of the high hours of the entire conference followed the message of Reverend E. C. Brown, president of the State Convention, when he called the pastors to a season of prayer. Brother Brown declared pastors need to pray for themselves, for their churches, and for the lost people about them." Upon his suggestion, pastors knelt about the altar and fervent prayers were offered.

Following the season of prayer Dr. B. L. Bridges, General Secretary, brought tears to the eyes of his congregation as he depicted the magnificence and grandeur of Heaven and the fact that we will see our loved ones and know them when we get there.

The last message was delivered by Dr. Harry Rimmer as he reviewed some of the characters of the Bible who were considered weak and unlearned but whom God used in a mighty way as they yielded to His call. Dr. Rimmer spoke three times during the conference and, needless to say, captured the attention and interest of all.



Mrs. Leslie W. Buchanan of Prescott joined the editorial staff of the Arkansas Baptist on February 1, taking the place of Miss Ione Gray who resigned to accept a position in the Publicity Department of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. Buchanan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Eidson of Springdale and will be remembered as Helen Eidson. She is a graduate of the University of Arkansas, holding the B.S.H.E. degree. In 1936 she was employed by the Extension Service of the Department of Agriculture, and served for one year as Home Demonstration Agent in Nevada County. In June 1937 she was married to Leslie W. Buchanan, (deceased 1944).

Mrs. Buchanan served one term in the State Legislature, 1945. She is the author of the Buchanan Marriage Law which requires a three-day wait after application for a marriage license.

More recently Mrs. Buchanan has served as Educational Secretary of the First Baptist Church of Prescott.

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Student Worker

Visit in Arkansas

Miss Frances Barbour, Associate in the Department of Student Work, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., and director of the student work in professional schools will visit Arkansas next week to give help and inspiration to students and young people. Miss Barbour's itinerary of activities has been arranged by T. D. McCulloch, State Student Union Secretary.

In Little Rock she will be guest speaker at a Cupid's Banquet for the young people of First Church, and a Valentine Banquet for young people of Immanuel Church. Sunday, February 15th she will have charge of a morning devotional at the Baptist State Hospital, then go to Second Church for the Sunday School hour, leaving immediately to be in First Church, Fayetteville, for Training Union. Visits to schools in Little Rock, Fayetteville, and Fort Smith to assist in Baptist Student organizations will be included in the weeks' activities. Miss Barbour will be accompanied on the tour by State Student Union Secretary McCulloch.

Juvenile Delinquency is A Church Responsibility

(Excerpts from a radio message presented over
KTFS, Texarkana.)

By HOWARD L. WILSON, Pastor

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, FOUKE, ARKANSAS

Mark Twain once said, "everyone talks about the weather, but no one seems to do anything about it." Ranking next to the weather in popular topics for conversation is **Juvenile Delinquency**, and what the humorist said of the weather is apparently true of this current embryo of a crime monster.

Youth is the life of today—impetuous, eager, insistent, and determined. Among them are good leaders and equally good followers. Most of them are like the runner waiting for the starter's gun—on edge, fit, ready to run. They are keyed up in good shape and confident of their ability to compete with the whole field. This is not false confidence. They have the stamina to back them; they have the ability to win!

Today's youth has unlimited possibilities. At his fingertips he has the keys to realms of knowledge. He has the benefit of his father's bitter experiences. He has facilities for learning which his brother did not have. Furthermore, he is willing to put into practice what he learns. He is not only willing but eager. He is unaffected by the mercenariness of the older mind. He has an altruistic desire to do something.

Yes, he is able, willing, and determined. He will not be discouraged. He may sulk momentarily if he is not encouraged, but he is never without encouragement long even if he has to create it for himself. The main issue to him is that he is busy. A few generations ago the churches of Germany ceased to recognize these characteristics of youth. They made no provision in their church activities for youth. Staid ritual did not satisfy much less challenge, therefore, it is not phenomenal that one of these young men arose from his sulking and organized a movement of hope for the youth of his land. Adolph Hitler recognized the dynamo of nervous energy in youth and ran his power lines from it.

Today, the churches of America stand blissfully in the wake of staid ritualism and bemoan the horrors of **Juvenile Delinquency**. Tomorrow, the gaping wound of a bloody revolution may be too great for a weak-hearted church. Now is the time for all churches to encourage and enlist youth in a positive program. A constructive program now will simplify the moral and spiritual aspects of the rebound from the past war. Church organizations can sponsor supervised play in the church gymnasium or on the neighboring playgrounds. Pastors can plan their sermons to interest and fit the needs of boys and girls, and build an attitude of respect as well as love for the church and home. Furthermore, they can throw open the doors of their studies to conferences with boys and girls of teenage. Proper relationship between the pastor and his young people not only insures the future of the church and discourages delinquency, but also brightens the prospects of our nation of tomorrow in the various phases of its operation.

Let's continue to talk about delinquency, sure! But let us be constructive in our thinking rather than pessimistic and destructive. **Not only talk, but let's do something about it!**

Truth Isn't Popular

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—A. C. Dunkleberger, editor of the Nashville Banner declared in an address to David Lipscomb College students that "man can make the best of any career by taking God and Christ along with him."

The editor asserted that "truth is the most unpopular thing in the world today," and cited that "Christ was not crucified for any crime in the catalog but for telling the truth."

Although the stability of social, political and economic forces is doubtful, the institution established by Christ has a "future fixed beyond the possibility of change or defeat." Dunkleberger continued.

"Those who sit at the peace tables have made the mistake of ignoring the only formula for the attainment of peace. So they seek in vain."

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Anti-Saloon League

Has Voted New Name

By Religious News Service

PITTSBURGH—The Anti-Saloon League will henceforth be known as the Temperance League of America.

The change in name was voted at the organization's 35th national convention here following a request made by younger members who argued that the group could do more effective work under a new title.

Clayton M. Wallace of Indianapolis, Ind., was elected to succeed George W. Crabbe, as general superintendent of the organization. Dr. G. D. Batdorf of Dayton, O., retired Bishop of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, was named to the presidency. He succeeds Methodist Bishop Ralph S. Cushman, who resigned.

A resolution against the sale of liquor to men in the armed forces was aimed at possible liquor sales to minors on military posts if universal military training is adopted. The resolution said:

"We call upon Congress speedily to enact legislation making it illegal for alcoholic beverages, including 3.2 beer, to be dispensed on or near any military reservation, camp or contonment, or upon any naval vessel and providing further that it shall be illegal for any person to sell or give alcoholic beverages, including 3.2 beer, to any man in uniform of the armed services."

Other resolutions adopted:

Endorsed the program now under way to stop the sale of liquor where gasoline is sold:

Recommended passage of the Capper bill which would halt interstate liquor advertising;

Urged continued expansion of temperance education in schools;

Reaffirmed approval of the principle of local option;

Declared that countries receiving relief from the United States should get it on condition they discontinue manufacture of alcoholic beverages.

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One's greatest danger does not lie in wandering into the "far country," but in being content to remain there, being content to feed the swine of sin, and live on the diet of the swine of sin, and live in the company of the swine of sin.

Brazilians Honor Memory Of Miss Albertine Meador



The Baptist women of Espirito Santo, Brazil will honor and perpetuate the memory of their missionary, Miss Albertine Meador, by naming the new orphanage now in the process of organization the "Albertine Meador Orphanage" (Orfanato Albertina Meador). Thus, her short but consecrated service to the Cause of the Master will live on through the years, the Brazilian people are quick to note unselfish service and to pay it its just tribute. Also, the women of Espirito Santo will furnish an attractive living room in the South Brazil W. M. U. Training School and name it for Miss Meador and Mrs. Alice Reno, a former missionary. A plaque bearing the names of these two missionaries will be placed on the door of the living room and will tell its story of service to the Brazilian young women who in the future dedicate their lives to the same cause and come to the school to train for service.

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Arizona Baptists Plan Simultaneous Revival

PHOENIX, Ariz.—(BP)—Simultaneous revival services in every Southern Baptist Church in Arizona February 15-29 is the anticipation of an evangelistic crusade being sponsored jointly by the Arizona Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Dr. Willis J. Ray, executive secretary of the Arizona Baptist state mission work, said that 46 of the state's 55 churches already have pledged cooperation in the simultaneous effort. Each church has secured its own evangelist.

Director of the campaign is Dr. C. E. Matthews, superintendent of evangelism of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

A goal of 1000 conversions has been set for the two-weeks period.

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Central Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Reese S. Howard, pastor, has pledged itself to an enlarged and challenging program for 1948. During 1948 they plan to raise \$15,000 for the Building Fund. In February they will have a Sunday School Study Course and a Training Union Study Course in March. Their Revival Meeting date has been set for April 11 to 25. Dr. Alfred Carpenter of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia, will preach.

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ASSOCIATIONAL NEWS

"Sixty women were present for the Workers' Council of Central Association at the Second Church, Hot Springs, for an hour of study using the book, "Woman's Missionary Union at Work," and everyone is enjoying it.

"Eighty-four women attended the fourth quarterly rally at the First church, Hot Springs. We held a Mission Study Institute at the First church, Malvern with 56 present. This association is planning for a great rally to be held the first quarter of 1948."—Mrs. E. A. Crowder, Superintendent.

"Gainesville associational W. M. U. held its first quarterly rally on January 6 with a large attendance and one of the most spiritual meetings in a long time. The large crowd, the inspirational message of the associational missionary, the interesting program and talks from our pastors gave us a great lift to start the year of 1948."—Mrs. Lorene Nicholas, Superintendent.

"Harmony associational W. M. U. met at Pine Bluff, Calvary church, with 149 in attendance. The program was one of the best we've ever had. We are happy to report a new missionary society at Yorktown with Mrs. Thomas C. Cowden, president."—Mrs. D. M. Mitchell, Superintendent.

"Hope Association met at Beech St., Church, Texarkana, on January 22 with a good attendance in spite of freezing weather. The program was good, the interest fine and everything seems in readiness for a great year's work."—Mrs. H. H. House, president Southwest District.

"Greene County held the first quarterly rally at Walcott with 51 present from 7 societies. 'Building a Christian Nation' was the program theme with a missionary message by the pastor, the Rev. Alvin Allison. Conferences, a business session and a devotional meditation closed a most profitable day."—Mrs. J. C. Honey, Superintendent.

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His Works Follow Him

The Baptists of Arkansas have sustained a great loss in the home-going of Mr. C. R. Pugh, superintendent of the Baptist Orphan-

age at Monticello for nearly 26 years. Woman's Missionary Union extends loving sympathy to Mrs. Pugh and family in their sorrow. Mrs. Pugh has been a faithful member of the W. M. U. Executive Board for a number of years.

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Beginning January first of this year only CHARTERED chapters of Royal Ambassadors can be counted as real Royal Ambassadors. Since only 42 chapters have made application for charters, we have only that many organizations in the whole state. The requirements for a charter are:

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Lottie Moon Offering

The total amount of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions as reported by States through January 7 is \$989,-873.76. This amount will be greatly increased by later reports.

The Comics And Teen-Age Crime

By HOWARD JENNINGS

I was sitting across the desk from a magazine editor who has dedicated his efforts to solving the problem of the teen-age crime wave. Spread out before us were letters from authorities who were assisting him in his crusade. My friend and I discussed the various angles to approach the delinquent parent and youngster problem. We traced it back to where crimes are born. We found that many begin in the home, where the child is stretched out on the front-room rug with a comic strip under the eyes of unsuspecting parents.

"The bulk of these lurid publications depend for their appeal upon mayhem, murder, torture, and abduction—often with a child as the victim," says Parents' Magazine. "Superman heroics, voluptuous females in scanty attire, blazing machine guns, hooded 'justice,' and cheap political propaganda are to be found in almost every page . . .

"Badly drawn, badly written, and badly printed, the effect of these pulp-paper nightmares is to spoil the child's natural sense of color and to make him impatient with better, though quieter, stories. They constitute a cultural slaughter of the innocents."

Unthinking parents never examine the contents of the popular comic magazines. Child addicts wander in an unreal hero-worshipping land, a land unknown to their elders. It is a land of bone-crunching supermen, of crumpled, mangled human bodies, of disregard for true affection.

What can be done about it? Let parents ponder the ancient maxim: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

Jesus wants to be the hero, the ideal of every youthful heart. All young lives are moded by some ideal, some philosophy of life, and some standard of conduct. Our Saviour wants to fill this place for your son and daughter.

Parents, peer over your child's shoulder, exert proper control over his developing habits.

—Signs of the Times.

Attorney Surrenders To Baptist Ministry



Mr. Golden Blount, Little Rock attorney, whose membership is in the Capitol Hill Mission of Immanuel Baptist Church, surrendered to preach at the Sunday morning service of Capitol Hill on January 11. Mr. Blount was reared on a farm near Floral, Arkansas. Mr. Blount began his career as a school teacher and served in the Navy during the first world war. Admitted to the bar as a lawyer at Searcy, Arkansas in 1926. He has been a practicing lawyer ever since.

Mr. Blount moved with his family to Little Rock in 1938 and has been in the law practice for the last ten years, with the exception of two years when he worked for the U. S. Labor department as an investigator.

The Blount family, including his wife and three children, has been active in Baptist church life for the past twenty-five years. He has been facing the call of God for many years, but only recently was he willing to submit to God's will and surrender his life to the ministry.

W. O. Vaught, Jr., pastor, Immanuel Church, Little Rock, says of Mr. Blount, "I commend him to our Baptist fellowship and ask that the prayers of all our people be offered for him as he tries to find his place in God's service."



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Good Reports From the Field

R. D. Washington, pastor, First Baptist Church, Monticello, reports that 28 men were present in a Brotherhood Planning Meeting recently held at the church. The purpose of the meeting was to lay Brotherhood ideals and work before the men, looking towards the organization of a church Brotherhood.

Thus, another one of our fine pastors takes the lead in planning a greater and wider enlistment of the men of his church.

We predict a great Brotherhood at the First Baptist Church of Monticello.

More than 100 men were present at a Brotherhood meeting held at the First Baptist Church of El Dorado a few nights ago. Mr. Carey Selph, president of the Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas, was the main speaker for the occasion. Brother Sam Reeves, pastor, reports a great meeting, saying that Carey's message went over in a great way with the men.

We know no finer layman than Carey Selph, a man who has made good not only in business affairs but who is in partnership with God in all of his affairs. Carey is doing a wonderful job as president of the Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas. He is going, unselfishly, in an effort to meet every call made upon him. His message is a clarion call to nobler Christian living, and a challenge to the highest ideals of Christian stewardship.

There were 48 decisions, including 38 conversions, in a recent revival held in the community of the Genoa Baptist Church. Genoa is a tiny village in southwest Arkansas, near Texarkana. Brother J. T. Midkiff is pastor of the Baptist church.

One feature of the revival was a Gospel service in a consolidated school nearby. Seventeen people were reached for Christ directly through work at the school during the days of revival.

Some 85 testaments were distributed to pupils of the school, to boys and girls who had no Bible of their own.

During the revival, the weather was about as bad as weather could be, but those who led in the work are convinced that God is never handicapped by his own weather. Because the weather was bad, people were found at home who otherwise would have been

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at work. People heard the Gospel who otherwise would not have heard it.

The revival was another one of those Preaching-Praying-Going affairs sponsored by the State Brotherhood Department.

We regard the recent Evangelistic Conference held in Little Rock as an outstanding success in every way but one. There were just not enough laymen present. If Arkansas and the world are reached for Christ, the laymen are going to have to be enlisted along with our preacher brethren in a sustained effort to take the Gospel to every creature.

The Conference featured outstanding speakers in the field of evangelism.

We believe that the Conference should be made an annual affair, and that as such it will bring an increasingly wider challenge to all of God's people throughout our state to get into the great work of winning people to Christ.

Dr. Caldwell is doing a magnificent job as our State Superintendent of Missions.

One of our Centennial objectives is the paying off of our Honor debt. The Brotherhood has been charged by the Centennial Committee with much responsibility in organizing the churches of the state in a mighty effort to discharge the indebtedness during 1948. The plan of the Honor Club is to get as many people as possible to contribute \$1.00 or more per month until the debt is paid. Many people are finding a deep satisfaction in making their monthly contributions to the Hon-

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Southern Seminary Has New Treasurer

Appointment of P. F. Bufkin, Jr. of Louisville, Ky., to the position of treasurer of Southern Seminary has been announced by Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president of the Seminary.

Mr. Bufkin succeeds J. O. Anderson, who resigned to return to Atlanta, Ga., and re-enter business as a building contractor. He is a native of Collins, Miss., a graduate of Perkinson (Miss.) high school, and of Bowling Green (Ky.) College of Commerce, from which he received the B. S. degree in Commerce. For the last eight years he has been a member of the staff of Haskins & Sells, Louisville firm of certified public accountants.

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Life Time Resident Of Crossett Passes

William Ely Crosswell, aged 71, passed away in the Crossett hospital January 9, 1948 of a heart attack.

Will, as he was known by his friends, was born January 21, 1877 in Kosciusko, Miss. He moved to Crossett, Arkansas, in 1904 and was employed by the Crossett Lumber Company until the time of his death.

He joined the First Baptist Church of Crossett at an early age and was on the Board of Deacons at the time of his death. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 576.

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There are those today who insist that to observe the Sabbath as originally intended would make the day boresome, stale and uninteresting; hence, they seek to enliven the sabbath by such desecrations as a depraved human nature delights in.

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Dr. W. O. Vaught, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, commends Evangelist Eddie Wagner for revivals conducted at Bethany, Highway, Alexandria, and Davis Chapel, missions sponsored by the Immanuel Church. Dr. Vaught says of Evangelist Wagner, "He is true to the message of the Bible and knows how to clearly explain the plan of salvation. I consider him one of our most effective evangelists and I am sure any church securing his service will receive a great spiritual blessing."

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The Simultaneous Revival Crusade Method

By C. E. MATTHEWS

But we are living in a new day. In fact, the world has never faced so many major problems as now. Because of fast motivation, nations are at each other's doors. One Sunday morning recently we heard Dr. Baker James Cauthen preach in Gaston Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas. It was announced that he would preach the following Sunday in Shanghai, China. International problems, such as world peace, world disarmament, and almost a world-wide famine face us. Conquered and occupied nations are mostly without a form of government or religion. Democracy and Christianity must be offered them with haste and with all the urgency of which we are capable.

At home we face major problems almost without number. The divorce problem, that unless stemmed, soon will wreck our nation, is before us. The staggering sins of liquor drinking and gambling, with night clubs and taverns overflowing with people makes a genuine Christian sick at heart. Juvenile delinquency, inter-racial problems, and immorality on a scale never dreamed of are here. The stagger system of employment and high-powered promotion of every kind and phase of worldly amusement has all but wrecked the Christian Sabbath. The two latter things have made our churches "Sunday morning churches." There was never a time in the history of Christianity when it was so difficult to get the unsaved to attend services of worship. The thing that keeps up our courage is the fact that God is able to meet and to cope with any condition that Satan can produce and that His supply of adequate methods is never exhausted.

The only method in evangelism, we believe, that is absolutely adequate for this hour is the simultaneous method. What is a simultaneous revival? A simultaneous revival is where all of the churches of like faith and convictions within a given territory enter into a revival beginning on the same day and closing on the same day. No other kind of meeting is simultaneous. Sometimes a few churches want to begin a week ahead or close a week later than the others. Some churches want

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to have a one-week meeting or a 10-day meeting while others go two weeks. This is not a simultaneous revival. We give our reasons.

1. It is definitely a concerted effort. All of the churches in a given territory doing the same thing the same way at the same time (a Pentecostal condition).

2. It is church centered. The revival is conducted in the local church. It employs all of the church agencies. It strengthens every phase of local church work and makes possible conservation of results.

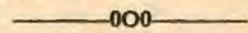
3. If properly directed, it will command the attention of saint and sinner.

4. It fixes responsibility with individuals and churches. The associational-wide simultaneous crusade enlists every church and employs an army of people.

5. The simultaneous method leaves the prospect without excuse. There is a church involved in every community.

6. It gives every church, large or small, the same assistance and direction in leadership. It places every church on an equality.

7. It enables any state, regardless of size, to have at least one revival in every church and unchurched community every year, something that no other method known to Southern Baptists can do.



Evangelistic Conference

"I suppose in all the history of Arkansas Baptist life one of our state meetings was never held with apparently greater physical handicaps than the recent Evangelistic Conference. More Baptist preachers "slipped" into Little Rock than ever before. But in spite of the weather and the snow and ice, the meeting proved to be a meeting of great power. When radio announcers were telling all the people to stay off the streets, and stores closed early in order for their workers to get home before dark, the Evangelistic Conference moved into the first session on Monday night with more than 500 in attendance. As Harry Rimmer said, 'No other group in America other than

Southern Baptists could do a thing like this.' The attendance at the Ouachita banquet at noon on Tuesday was wonderful, the total attendance being 360. A great crowd heard Dr. R. G. Lee and Dr. Rimmer on Tuesday night, and when the preachers slipped out of Little Rock they went away with courage and strength to return to their tasks and fight for Jesus Christ."—Immanuel, Little Rock, Bulletin.

The purpose of the Conference, of course, was to stimulate interest in evangelism. Special emphasis was placed on "Simultaneous Crusades." Many Associations are

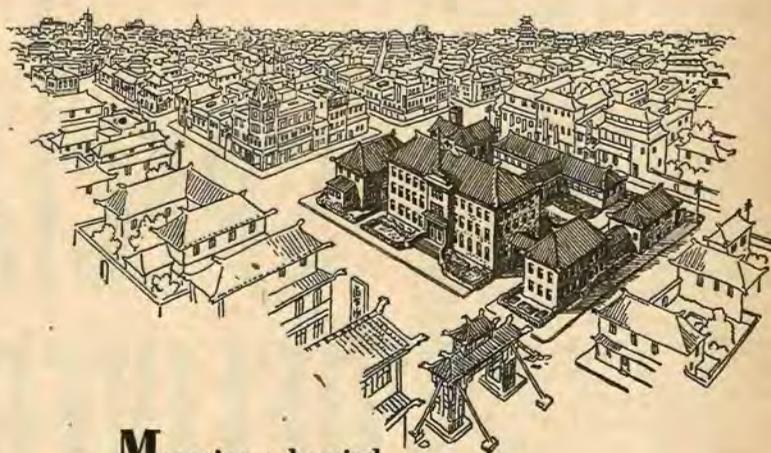
planning such a program in 1948. It is hoped that every Association will set up an organization this year for such Crusades in 1949—the first year of the new century of Arkansas Baptist history.

The various leaders and committeemen ought to be elected this year so they can have everything in readiness for 1949, then when next year's conference is held there will be group conferences for those on the various committees.

We reproduce on this page a brief article on the "Method of Simultaneous Revival Crusade" by Dr. C. E. Matthews.

Southern Baptists Can Make This Dream Come True!

A Hospital Training Center for the Orient Somewhere in China



Managing a hospital is a highly-specialized job. Managing a Christian hospital is much more so. Medical schools produce surgeons, obstetricians, anesthetists, and other doctors and nurses; few of them train men and women to be hospital business managers, superintendents, nursing supervisors, X-ray and laboratory technicians, chaplains and social service workers. Yet if they are to understand their part in a ministry of healing, these must be trained to man a Christian medical institution.

Baptists in the Orient have to depend upon other denominations for their medical training; for hospital training they have no place to go. All the

Orient's mission hospitals would benefit by a school of hospital administration set up to train personnel for Southern Baptists' four hospitals in China.

This kind of school would be a full-fledged hospital, probably with 300 beds and a ward reserved for missionaries who require special treatment and rest. It would be partially supported by payment for services rendered to foreign and Chinese patients of means. One of three new medical projects recommended for Baptist missions in China, it is a unique open door.

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Righteousness Today

EDITORIAL

Daily Lariat—Baylor University

Scientists can rest on the laurels of progress they have made in welfare's name, politicians can boast over their prowess in office and the advances of law; business and professional men can beam over recent successes in money-making; educators can watch the march of learning and charm over their part in it; but Biblical scholars, religious leaders, and pastors all over the nation view with apprehension the so-called progress which man has made.

So we have that question before us again of "what makes a people great." Perhaps the chance to actually, in the words of Paul, "Go out again." What with our aims of making money and prospering, striking to get our way, engaging in "cold" wars, and forsaking all principles which God intended for our government, it seems that our values are out of proportion. For somewhere in those dusty books we keep on the shelves there are still the words that should still our arrogance over being the most "powerful" nation on earth: "Righteousness exalteth a nation."

A glance backward tells us of our progress and successful gains in every walk of life. We have come a long way from prehistoric ages. But along with our successes, we have changed from a God-fearing nation to one which fears nothing save fear, Communism, and so the Russians. We have conquered all now except these. Are we so proud? And now our course seems to indicate an obvious war.

We are fighting now, with dollars and calculations, to beat somebody to the punch. Why don't we try turning the other cheek, or feeding or giving to drink a hungry or thirsting nation, but that isn't practical.

In every session of Congress there is a clamor for universal military training, more money primarily to aid Europe but incidentally to fight Communism, and more arms for the army and ships for the navy. The war and navy departments are constantly pleading for more men. With all this, what have we? Yes, we have another machine which is veritably a semblance of all our progress — machine to annihilate more people in a wider area quicker than in all the wars we have concluded.

If we are so bent on peace, why do we have all the appearances of a nation steeling itself for another earth-embracing conflict? Is this righteousness?

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What We Know About Jesus

By MRS. ROLAND LEATH

Sunday School Lesson For February 8, 1948

Scripture: John 6:35-40;
Colossians 1:9-20

—that He is the Son of God, the Sustainer of all who will surrender in faith, to Him.

Jesus had fed the multitude out of pity and compassion for them and knowledge of their needs, seemingly, the throng wholly accepted Him, but Jesus knew they had no true faith in Him. The day following the miracle of His feeding them, the multitude sought Him, desiring to make Him their leader, their King. Jesus, knowing their reason for coming to Him and their desire for following Him for physical food, said, "Labor not for the food which perisheth, but for the food which abideth unto eternal life, which the Son of Man shall give unto you." It was then they asked Him for a sign, such as the manna Moses gave their fathers. Jesus answer to this demand was, "I am the Bread of life." the true Bread from Heaven given for the life of the world.

Christ knew physical hunger must be satisfied but His mission for coming into the world was that spiritual hunger might be met. This is the great need of the world! Souls are dead; Jesus gives Life to the souls of men. To all who will trust Him through faith He completely feeds with that which never brings discontent, hunger or thirst again. This picture of faith in Christ as the eating of the Living Bread suggests the absolute assimilation of Him into our beings; our complete dependence on Him and the evidence that He is in all our plans, thoughts, actions and ambitions.

This salvation which He gives is not to a select few whom God has called and all others excluded, regardless of their wanting to be inside this ark of safety. That is not the meaning of John 6:37. For the Father wills that "every one which seeth the Son and believeth on Him may have everlasting life." The Father does give the chosen ones to the Son and their salvation is sure and secure, but as Dr. Gray aptly states, "... The means by which this choice of the Father becomes operative in individual cases is faith, believing on the Son." We make our choice. The Father wants to give us to the Son and He will, provided we accept Christ as our personal, loving, crucified, risen Saviour. So, Jesus declares of Himself that He is the Son of God, the Way to Eternal Life, the One sent whose whole pur-

pose was "to do the will of Him who sent me."

The Sustaining Power Of Our Redeemer

Now, let us learn from Paul some further revelations of the nature of Christ. The apostle was deeply interested in the church at Colosse which some believe met in the house of Philemon. At least, this fine man was a noble worker in the church there. Colosse, on the Lycus River, was near to Ephesus. Paul had preached the gospel there and planted this church, therefore he was vitally concerned when he learned, while in prison in Rome, of great error being taught in Colosse which threatened to destroy the true concept of the Lord Jesus among the believers in that city. This false doctrine was a strange one essentially Gnostic, which seemed to hold that God was so pure He would have no contact with man, but that between man and God were different orders of heavenly creatures. The teachers of this error placed Christ in this group, thereby denying His Deity.

Paul set about to encourage the believers so that they would understand the real nature of Christ and experience His power to bless and enrich their lives. In doing this Paul knew he would correct any false notions they might get from the philosophy of the vain men around them and that he would give them that which would fortify them against these superstitious beliefs. Paul assured the Colossians of his interest and prayers in their behalf; he was interceding for them in order for them to be filled with the knowledge of the will of God and for them to gain spiritual understanding. Then, they would be led to walk in service which would please the Lord and as a result they would receive strength from the power of God. Paul wanted them to realize as we ought that our Redeemer translates us into His Kingdom out of darkness and gives us a part into His righteous inheritance. How marvelous is our position, those saved by the precious blood of the Lamb. The errors of unbelievers in our day are closely akin to those in Colosse. This same power of the Lord Jesus gives unto those who open their eyes and behold the abundant, glorious living in Him instead of wickedness, greed, immoral living, selfishness and self-righteousness which leads to unhappy misfit men and women.

The Mighty Glories of Our Christ

Beginning with verse 15 Paul reminds the Colossians of the exalted names and positions of the Lord Jesus. He is not one in a series of creatures, nay He in all things has preeminence. He is superior and supreme over all men and angels alike! He is the image of the invisible God, the first born of every creature.

Dr. Nicholson in "Oneness with Christ" gives us this understanding of his superior position: "Every image is a likeness but every likeness is not an image... Two eggs are like each other but, neither of the two is being derived from the other, neither is the image of the other. But the head on a coin is not only a likeness, it is the image of the sovereign. It is derived from the sovereign and it is a representative of him. So Christ is here declared to be a copy of the Father, the representation of Him because He is derived from Him. As image of God, He is God. But as the image of the Father, He is not the Father. The person of Christ is distinct from the person of the Father yet there is only one God."

Then we are shown that Christ is the Creator of all things. As the first born, only begotten Son, Christ has a place and work that no other being or creature could ever hold or do. Regardless of thrones, dominions, powers Christ created all things for it was "by him" and "for him." As the Supreme One, Christ is the Head of the Church. He is our Head. The lesson climaxes with Paul's words "... he made peace through the blood of his cross." This Mighty One, Image of God, the First-born, Creator, Head of the Church gives peace to you and me because He went to the Cross that we might experience the forgiving grace of God when we ask for it.

His nature is so far above human understanding and yet, His reconciling work brings the humble sinner into fellowship with God and He lives in each of our hearts as we accept Him in faith!

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Given a diligent sower and perfectly good seed, and still one is not assured a harvest until the soil is taken into account which must provide the conditions necessary for germination, growth and maturity. The hearers are the soil of the word of the kingdom of God.

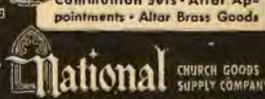
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The roof of a building may be perfect, except that one shingle is missing. But if one shingle is missing, the roof will leak and allow rain to seep into the building, carrying the soot and dirt as it comes, thus soiling and discoloring the interior. The lack of one virtue may allow the silt of sin to seep into the soul.

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Caddo River Association Moving Forward

It was the writer's privilege to spend the afternoon recently in a Worker's Conference in Caddo River Association. Pastors had moved away until the work was greatly suffering. But recently preachers have taken up the work in that association, and they are really going forward. Marvin Jaggars is the new Missionary. Marvin doesn't sit around. He moves among the people.

Mt. Ida has called a pastor, and so has Glenwood. W. B. Essman of Amity is still carrying on in a fine way. Brother Bledsoe is the new pastor at Mt. Ida, and Charles Hampton is the new pastor at Glenwood. Brother J. P. Emery is the Moderator, and he is a sane and sound leader. Carlos Jones and James Miller are among the most trusted leaders in all that section. James Overton of Mena is a new addition to the associational forces. The Mena church recently became affiliated with Caddo River Association. They would not feel that a meeting was complete over there without the presence of Deacon Roy Wright of Mt. Ida. He is worth his weight in gold.

Quitman Builds Parsonage

The church in Quitman, Arkansas is completing a home for the pastor. The church has been handicapped in the past because there was no place for a pastor to live, and preachers found little encouragement about accepting the pastorate of the church. It will be different now.

Some months ago, the Bryants took an active interest in getting the church started out on a good basis. The people rallied, and a nice home for the pastor is the result. Brother Trevolt is the new pastor. We predict better things for the Quitman people.

Osceola Sends \$1,281.45

When the quarterly receipts are published, one item will be misleading. It is the quarterly contribution from the Osceola church, hence we mention it here. The contribution reached us a little late, but not too late to be counted in the 1947 receipts if our office had not been swamped at that particular time. The rush and confusion that engulfed us at that particular time caused our failure to book these items in the 1947 list. We apologize and take the blame, and ask the Osceola church and pastor to forgive us.

It will appear along with other contributions in the quarterly report for the first quarter of 1948. Nothing is lost, but we do not want anyone to think that the splendid church in Osceola did not make contributions for the last quarter in 1947. They sent \$900.00 for the Cooperative Program, \$300.00 for the Ouachita Campaign, and \$81.45 for the Orphanage in this contribution.

Brother Russell Clubb and Mrs. Clubb went

to Osceola a few months ago to be the pastor of that great church. Some of the finest spirited people on earth are members of the Osceola church. In an unusually enthusiastic manner the membership is rallying to the support of Brother Clubb as their pastor. They are greatly impressed with his dynamic leadership. The consecration of this preacher and wife is impressive, and the people follow their leadership. The church gave the Clubbs a new automobile.

Dr. Carpenter Honored

Dr. Alfred Carpenter was for a long time the successful and beloved pastor of the First Baptist Church in Blytheville, Arkansas. During the war he was with the Home Mission Board in enlisting Chaplains. Perhaps this was one of the best pieces of work in Brother Carpenter's life.

Recently Brother Carpenter has been honored, receiving an honor of distinction. He was awarded the Presidential Medal for Merit in Washington, Tuesday, November 25. The citation said, "For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performances of outstanding services to the United Nations," the medal was awarded.

The citation said: "Dr. Carpenter, in his mission abroad, performed a duty which was unequalled since his itinerary was arranged just subsequent to VJ Day, and was one which challenged the best of churchmanship in maintaining a high standard of morale among the High Command, civilian leaders, military government officials, civilian nationals, and military personal at large."

President Truman said of Dr. Carpenter's services that he impressed upon such leaders "the great challenge of convincing the peoples in the war torn countries that the United Nations will carry on to reconstruct and rebuild the nations broken asunder by warfare."

Thirty-Five Bootleggers

The Arkansas State Police report that thirty-five were arrested during 1947 in Arkansas for bootlegging. This report says nothing about how many might have been arrested by sheriffs in the various counties for the same cause. The report is for the work of the State Police Force only. Was it Franklin D. Roosevelt who said that legalized liquor would stop bootlegging?

Need a Preacher To Supply You?

Rev. L. D. Summers is one of our very strongest preachers. While he has retired from the pastorate still he does much supply work. He is available many of these fine Sundays, and your church might want to use him. He will not disappoint you. He will thrill your congregation. Get in touch with him if you need him.

State Highway Police And Drunks

We have just had a report from the State Highway Police Department on some of their activities for 1947. They arrested 3,888 on charges of drunkenness last year. One thousand and eight hundred and fifty-six were charged with drunkenness while 1,929 were charged with drunkenness on the highway. Two hundred seventy-three were arrested for driving an automobile while drunk. What a tragedy that we have legalized liquor.

I BELIEVE--

1. "As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one" (Romans 3:10).
2. That "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3).
3. That "Except a man born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3).
4. That "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36).
5. That "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself" (John 7:17).
6. That Jesus said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28: 19-20).
7. That Jesus promised, "but the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:26).
8. That Jesus, having saved me, declared, "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice: and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd" (John 10:16).
9. That Jesus included me when he said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give you" (John 15:16).
10. That I must have the Spirit of Jesus, who, when he saw the multitudes, was moved with compassion, and said to his disciples, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38).